

**Indicator 19. Area and Percent of Forest Land Managed Primarily for Protective Functions
(e.g., Watersheds, Flood Protection, Avalanche Protection, Riparian Zones)**

What Is the Indicator and Why Is It Important?

This indicator provides a measure of the extent to which soil and water resources are protected.

Why Can't This Indicator Be Reported at This Time?

At this time, data is not available for this indicator. Although there are many examples of protected areas,

such as the Portland, OR, and New York City watersheds, no attempt has been made to aggregate data to a national scale. Partly at issue is determination of management intention. For example, management objectives on public and private forest land would have to be ascertained. Partly at issue are reporting protocols. For example, much of the publicly owned and some privately owned forest lands are managed with multiple objectives. It would be difficult to attribute some of the area to any one objective.